

**MINUTES OF
SEPTEMBER 21, 2009**

**SELECTMEN'S MEETING
Monday, September 21, 2009, 7 p.m.
H. BERNARD MONAHAN MEMORIAL ROOM
TOWN HALL, 242 UNION STREET
ROCKLAND, MASSACHUSETTS
PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
MOS**

Chairman Simpson absent from meeting

A Citation was presented to Steve Savicke for 20 years of service to the Finance Committee

Item #5 -Taken Out of Order

- 5. South Shore Chamber of Commerce Chairman and CEO Peter Forman along with incoming SSCC President Robert Frazier appeared before the BOS to announce the 2009 SSCC award to the Rockland BOS for outstanding contributions towards economic development and political leadership in promoting economic development business in Rockland. Mr. Forman will announce the award on Friday, September 25, 2009.**

1. OPEN FORUM

~Police Chief Llewellyn spoke regarding the recent arrest of a suspect in the recent rash of nighttime auto break-ins. Thanked Officers Sammon and Donnelly for their efforts, he also cited cooperation of surrounding communities and reminded viewers to lock their vehicles at all times.

~Deputy Fire Chief Ferguson informed the BOS of the upcoming Fire Department Open House and requested permission to close Pacific St from 9:30am to 2:30pm on Saturday October 3, 2009.

~Motion by Mr. Zupkofska, 2nd by Ms. O'Brien to authorize the closing of Pacific Street from 9:30am to 2:30pm on Saturday, October 3, 2009 passed 4-0.

2. **Open Meeting Minutes-June 15, 2009 tabled 7/15, 8/3, and 9/8**
Discussion took place regarding the insertion of comments Mr. Zupkofska thought he made at the June 15, 2009 BOS meeting. Mr. Chiocca indicated after reviewing of the DVD from June 15, 2009 that Mr. Zupkofska had not made the statements he wanted inserted.
~Motion to approve Mr. Johnson, 2nd Ms. O'Brien passed 3-1(Zupkofska)
3. **Open Meeting Minutes-September 8, 2009**
Mr. Zupkofska stated Mr. Chaffee withdrew the motion after Mr. Zupkofska declined to facilitate the implementation of EventKeeper. The minutes were amended to include "*therefore Mr. Chaffee withdrew the motion.*" in Mr. Chaffee's selectmen's comments

~Motion to accept as amended by Ms. O'Brien, 2nd by Mr. Johnson passed 4-0.
4. **Executive Session Minutes-September 8, 2009**
Mr. Zupkofska wanted to amend and will submit suggest changes.
~Motion to table by Mr. Johnson, 2nd by Mr. Chaffee passed 4-0

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Item # 5 previously heard out of order.

6. **Filling of Vacancy-Board of Assessors**
This item passed over awaiting quorum of Board of Assessors.
(See #6 following Item # 16 below)
7. **Library Trustee Vacancy-Postponed to October 5, 2009 BOS meeting**
8. **No Item**
9. **Seasonal permits-Mr. Chaffee indicated he is working with Building Inspector Ruble to review options for the town. Tabled until October 5, 2009**

NEW BUSINESS

10. **Capital Planning Committee**
Capital planning Committee opened their meeting as a quorum was present. Presentation by Kelli McKinnon of the Capital Planning Committee to BOS regarding an amendment to the Critical Capital projects 5 year Plan. The amendment is a change of listed priorities to reflect the proposed new Middle School and renovated High School project. Any previously submitted projects linked to the Rockland High School or Rogers Middle School is no longer considered within the Capital Planning Committee fiscal plan.

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**Amendment to Upcoming Critical Capital Projects  
Five Year Capital Improvement Plan Fiscal Years 2010-2014**

***Replacement of the Rogers Middle School and the complete renovation of Rockland High School***

**With the passage of the feasibility study and the approval of the final design, location and replacement costs, Rockland will move ahead and work with the MSBA in the major capital project of the new middle school and complete renovation of the high school.**

**The cost of the overall project is \$86,201,449. It is important to note that Rockland's share of the cost will be 35.7%. The recommended source of funding is a series of debt reducing bonds which will function as debt exclusion.**

**Any previously submitted projects linked to the Rockland High School or Rogers Middle School is no longer considered within this fiscal plan.**

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Discussion took place between members of the CPC, BOS, and Superintendent Retchless.

Capital Planning Committee closed their meeting.

- 11. Hearing for Hotel Thomas-Alteration of Premises**
~Motion to open the hearing by Ms. O'Brien, 2nd by Mr. Zupkofska passed 4-0.
Discussion regarding the opening of a Irish Courtyard area next to the Banner Pub. Brenda Kelly and Ed Reid of the Hotel Thomas addressed the BOS.
~Motion to close the hearing by Mr. Zupkofska, 2nd by Ms. O'Brien passed 4-0.
~Motion to approve by Ms. O'Brien, 2nd by Mr. Zupkofska approved 4-0.
- 12. No Item**
- 13. Class II Auto License Hearing-Advanced Auto, 409 VFW Drive**
~Motion to open the hearing by Mr. Zupkofska, 2nd by Ms. O'Brien passed 4-0.
The owners appeared before the BOS to discuss the license.
~Motion to close the hearing by Mr. Zupkofska, 2nd by Ms. O'Brien passed 4-0.
~Motion by Mr. Zupkofska, 2nd by Ms. O'Brien approved 4-0.
- 14. Knights of Columbus-Tootsie Roll Fund-raiser**
Request by the K. of C. to conduct the annual Tootsie Roll fund-raiser on October 11 and 12, 2009. The Drive benefits physically and mentally challenged children in and around Rockland.
~Motion to approve by Mr. Zupkofska, 2nd by Ms. O'Brien passed 3-0-1(Chaffee abstained)
- 15. Appointments**
Chief Procurement Officer-Allan R Chiocca
~Motion to approve by Ms. O'Brien, 2nd by Mr. Johnson passed 4-0.

Rockland Ambulance Study Committee-James F. Simpson

~Motion to approve by Ms. O'Brien, 2nd by Mr. Johnson passed 4-0.

Gas Inspector (Alternate)-Gary Young (tabled 9/8/09 no address)

~Motion to approve by Mr. Zupkofska, 2nd by Ms. O'Brien passed 4-0.

- 16. Inspector of Animals appointment-Patricia Whittemore**
~Motion to appoint Patricia Whittemore as Inspector of Animals by Mr. Zupkofska, 2nd by Ms. O'Brien approve 4-0. Mr. Zupkofska noted the email address needed to be corrected.
- 6. Board of Assessors Vacancy**
Item # 6 Vacancy on the Board of Assessors previously passed over.
Only Dennis Robson, Chairman of the Board of Assessors was available. Mr. Chiocca recommended the BOS go forward to fill the vacancy. Mr. Robson indicated only one applicant for the appointment has applied Heidi Hosmer a candidate for the position in April 2009. Mr. Robson recommended appointing Ms. Hosmer.
~Motion to appoint Heidi Hosmer by Mr. Zupkofska, 2nd by Mr. Johnson passed by 5-0, Chaffee, Zupkofska, Johnson, O'Brien and Robson approved voted yes, none opposed. Mr. Robson gave the BOS an update on the operation of the Assessors Office with the resignations of Mr. Gibbons, Mr. Smith and retirement of Ms. Murphy.
- 30. CORRESPONDENCE**
-Announcement by the GAR and Rockland Historical Commission of talk and exhibit regarding "The Defenses of Boston Harbor" on October 8, 2009 at 7:30pm at the GAR Hall tickets are \$5.00
-Letter from Hanover Police Chief thanking the efforts Officers Sommers, Tyrie, and K9 Boyar in the apprehension of suspects at Prime Infiniti in Hanover.
-COA correspondence celebrating Ethel Burnett's 100th birthday on 9/27/09. The entire Board of Selectmen wished Ethel a Happy Birthday.
-Highway Department sent 2 letters of correspondence thanking the Police and Fire Departments during the recent accident involving an employee.
-Eagle Scout Award is being awarded to Dylan Carpino.
-Motion not to respond to United Nations Day request by Mr. Zupkofska, 2nd by Ms. O'Brien passed 4-0.

SELECTMAN'S COMMENTS

Mr. Chaffee read the following into the record:

Comments and opinions expressed by individual members do not necessarily reflect the views of all of the BOS and are the opinions and comments of only the individual member.

Ms. O'Brien

- ~Mentioned the Walk for Peace, and remembrance of 9/11.
- ~Congratulated the Eagles Club for successful Smoke-off.
- ~Mentioned the upcoming Rockland Chamber of Commerce Breakfast.
- ~Announced Business Task Force meeting for Wednesday 9/23.
- ~Thanked the Housing Authority for weekend cook-out.
- ~Mentioned upcoming "Walkable Community Workshop" on 11/22.

Michael Johnson

- ~Again requested volunteers for Finance Committee and other vacancies.
- ~Discussed the upcoming 9/30/09 School Building Authority meeting.

Michael Zupkofska

- ~Discussed project labor agreements with regards to the upcoming school project.
- ~Motion to have representatives of labor and non-labor at the next meeting, No 2nd.
- ~Announced School Committee meeting minutes for 2009 are posted on the town web site.
- ~The RFP for Land Use Counsel are being posted.
- ~Motioned to have signed Police and Fire grants from Mr. Chiocca, 2nd by Mr. Johnson. Mr. Chiocca stated he didn't have them and suggested Mr. Zupkofska could contact each department. Motion did not pass 2-2, Zupkofska and Johnson in favor, Chaffee and O'Brien opposed.
- ~Mr. Zupkofska asked about EventKeeper, Mr. Chaffee stopped the discussion indicating that at the last meeting he (Chaffee) had asked Mr. Zupkofska to facilitate EventKeeper and Mr. Zupkofska choose not to take it on. Mr. Chaffee indicated repeatedly that was the end of discussion regarding EventKeeper. Mr. Zupkofska refused to end discussion. Mr. Chaffee indicated to Mr. Zupkofska he would be removed if he did not end this discussion. Mr. Chaffee asked Police Chief Llewellyn to remove Mr. Zupkofska for not following the Chair's direction. Mr. Zupkofska continued talking, ignoring Mr. Chaffee's instruction to move on. Mr. Chaffee requested Mr. Zupkofska's microphone be turned off. On the instruction of the meeting Chair Mr. Zupkofska's microphone was turned off. Mr. Zupkofska continued speaking in disruption of the meeting disregarding Mr. Chaffee's instruction to cease.

Mr. Chaffee

- ~Reported EventKeeper was up and running without Mr. Zupkofska's help.
- Mr. Zupkofska continued his attempts to disrupt the meeting speaking out of turn. Mr. Chaffee ignoring Mr. Zupkofska continued with his Selectman's comments.
- ~Discussed the regional meeting regarding human resources.
- ~Walked on September 11, 2009 at Bicentennial Park in remembrance of 9-11.
- ~Discussed the School Building Committee and upcoming meeting 9/30 which will hopefully approve the 2 school project for Rockland.

Motion to adjourn by Ms. O'Brien, 2nd by Mr. Johnson passed 3-1(Zupkofska).

EXECUTIVE SESSION-None

Allan R. Chiocca
Town Administrator

Lawrence J. Chaffee, Vice Chairman
Board of Selectmen

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